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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has any plan to enter globally for power generation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated cost involved therein; and

(d) the steps taken by NTPC in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a)to(d) : NTPC Ltd. proposes to set up a coal based power plant in Trincomalee area in Sri Lanka, and has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Government of Sri Lanka and Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) on 29.12.2006 to set up a 2x250 MW power plant through a Joint Venture(JV) Company with CEB on 50:50 basis.

Subsequent to signing of MOA a team from NTPC Ltd. visited Sri Lanka in January 2007 to identify a suitable site along with CEB for the project. After finalization of project site further action in respect of formulation of Project Feasibility Report is envisaged to be taken after which estimated cost would be known.

Subject to establishment of feasibility and timely clearances, units are envisaged to commence operation by 2011-12.

NTPC Ltd. is also exploring the possibilities of mutual cooperation in power sector with Federal Govt. of Nigeria (FGN), which amongst others includes the proposal to set up Coal / Gas based power projects in Nigeria by NTPC Ltd.